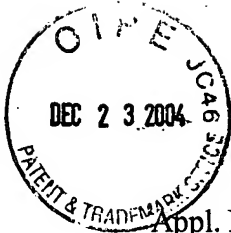


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Responsive to the Office action dated September 22, 2004, applicants reply as follows:

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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